

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Emergency Joint Application of Western Integrated Networks of California Operating LLC (U 6299 C) and SureWest TeleVideo for Expedited Ex Parte Approval of the Assignment of Assets and Authorization to Provide Telecommunications Services.

Application 02-06-029
(Filed June 20, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SHORTENING TIME TO FILE PROTESTS**

In this joint application, Western Integrated Networks of California Operating LLC (WINCO) and SureWest TeleVideo (SureWest) request approval for SureWest to acquire the assets, customer base, and the certificate of public convenience and necessity of WINCO. The applicants represent that this transaction must be approved on an expedited basis due to WINCO's financial difficulties including bankruptcy.

WINCO is reminded that it may not cease providing service to its customers without the Commission's advance approval.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Protests to the application shall be filed no later than July 8, 2002.
2. The applicants shall serve this application on the underlying facilities carriers no later than June 25, 2002.

Dated June 21, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Jeffrey P. O'Donnell

Jeffrey P. O'Donnell
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time to File Protests on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 21, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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